

Guide to the Rocko Michael Fasanella Collection

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Collection Overview

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CALL NUMBER: MS 1596

CREATOR: Fasanella, R. M.

TITLE: Rocko Michael Fasanella collection

DATES: 1921-1997

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: 8.5 linear feet

LANGUAGE: English

SUMMARY: The collection consists of material relating to Dr. Leon Stansfield Stone and his work on lens regeneration in salamanders. Also included are papers documenting the professional career of Dr. Rocko Fasanella, specifically the Fasanella-Servat operation for ptosis.

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b. box
f. folder

Administrative Information

Immediate Source of Acquisition

Gift of Dr. Rocko M. Fasanella, 1990-1997. Gift of Dr. Edmund S. Crelin, 1991.

Conditions Governing Access

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Preferred Citation

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Biographical / Historical

Rocko Michael Fasanella was born in Trenton, New Jersey in 1916. He received his bachelor's degree from Yale in 1939, and his medical degree in 1943. Fasanella was an intern (1943-1944), an assistant resident and resident in ophthalmology (1948-1950), and chief of ophthalmology (1951-1961) at Grace-New Haven Hospital in New Haven, Connecticut. He was also an instructor (1950-1951) and associate clinical professor of ophthalmology and visual science (1961-) at the Yale Medical School. Fasanella has pioneered many innovations in his field and has been active in humanitarian causes around the world. Fasanella died at his home in Orange, Connecticut, on February 11, 2009.

Scope and Contents

The Rocko M. Fasanella Collection, which dates from 1921-1991, consists of correspondence, printed material, slides, and a videocassette which document the Fasanella-Servat surgical procedure for minimal ptosis. This operation was developed by Rocko M. Fasanella and Javier Servat in 1961. Related items consist of printed material pertaining to ophthalmic surgery and biographical information on Rocko M. Fasanella, Javier Servat, and other renowned ophthalmologists.

Dr. Leon Stansfield Stone is also highlighted in this collection, with reprints, writings, films, slides, and other printed material documenting his experiments on the regeneration of the eye of an amblystoma, a salamander-like animal. In recognition of this work, Dr. Stone received the Doyne Award from Oxford in 1940 and his discoveries form the basis of modern research into the regeneration of traumatized nerves.

Arrangement

The collection is arranged by accession.

Collection Contents

Accession 1991-M-034: Original Accession, 1921–1967, 1977, undated

0.5 linear feet (1 box)

b. 1	<i>Collected Papers of Leon Stansfield Stone</i> 4 vols. English	1921-1967
b. 1	Writings, printed material, and slides relating to lens regeneration in salamanders	1948, 1977, undated

Accession 1992-M-003: Additional Material, 1940–1942, 1960, undated*0.5 linear feet (1 box)*

Addition inventory by Carol King 1991 Sep

Received from: Rocko M. Fasanella and E.S. Crelin, 1991 Jul 26

b. 1	Film by Leon S. Stone on the return of vision in the excised eyes of salamander larvae and in the retinae of the transplanted eyes of adult salamanders (4 reels)	undated
	Reprints	
b. 1	"Reimplantation and Transplantation of Adult Eyes in the Salamander (<i>Triturus Viridescens</i>) with Return of Vision," by L.S. Stone and I.S. Zaur English	1940
b. 1	"Return of Vision Four Times in the Same Adult Salamander Eye (<i>Triturus Viridescens</i>) Repeatedly Transplanted," by L.S. Stone and T.E. Farthing English	1942
b. 1	"Polarization of the Retina and Development of Vision," by L.S. Stone English	1960
b. 1	"Return of Vision and Functional Polarization in the Retinae of Transplanted Eyes," by L. S. Stone English	n d.

Accession 1992-M-008: Additional Material, 1937-1991*1 linear foot (1 box)*

Addition inventory by Carol King 1991 Sep

Received from: Rocko M. Fasanella, 1991 Jul 26

b. 1, f. 1	<i>Archives de Oftalmologia del Norte del Peru</i> English	1972, 1983
b. 1, f. 2	Biographical information	1978, 1988-1989
b. 1, f. 3	Book reviews	1981, 1990-1991
b. 1, f. 4-6	Correspondence	1972-1991 undated
b. 1, f. 7	Curriculum vitae, bibliography, and articles of Rocko M. Fasanella	1950s-1991
b. 1, f. 8	Curriculum vitae and bibliography of Javier Servat	undated
b. 1, f. 9	<i>Destiny-Doctors with Determination</i> : chapter 33, by Robert A. Fasanella English	undated
b. 1, f. 10	Diplomas and tribute	1956, 1988
Fasanella-Servat operation: surgery for minimal ptosis		
b. 1, f. 11	Articles pertaining to, by Rocko M. Fasanella and Javier Servat	1961, 1970-1973, 1981-1982, 1990, undated
b. 1, f. 12	Articles pertaining to, by others	1980, 1986-1989
b. 1, f. 13	"History of the ptosis Surgery," by Rocko M. Fasanella and Javier Servat (original Beard quote) English	[1986 January 28]
b. 1, f. 14	Patient records and slides of the three original Fasanella-Servat procedure recipients	1965, 1981, 1990
b. 1, f. 15	Videocassette: Correction of Minimal Ptosis, Fasanella-Servat Procedure	undated
b. 1, f. 16	"Life Begins at the Fortieth," a speech by Rocko M. Fasanella on the occasion of his 40th Yale reunion English	1978 November 8
b. 1, f. 17	Lisman, Jack: Rocko M. Fasanella's preparation for defense of	1986-1989
b. 1, f. 18	Müller's Muscle-Conjunctival Resection in the Treatment of Blepharoptosis, by Allen M. Putterman and Martin J. Urist	undated
b. 1, f. 19	Newspaper clippings	1986, 1989
b. 1, f. 20	Notes	1979, 1989-1990, undated
b. 1, f. 21	Ophthalmic surgical procedures: articles	1963, 1969-1990, undated

b. 1, f. 23	Ophthalmic surgery: illustrations of	undated
b. 1, f. 24	Photographs	1937, 1949, 1952, 1980, 1985
b. 1, f. 25-28	Reprints: articles by Rocko M. Fasanella (with others)	1950-1991
b. 1, f. 29	"Servat Table," photographs of	1991
b. 1, f. 30	Smith, Byron: biographical material	1948, 1985, undated
b. 1, f. 31	<i>Ptosis</i> , by Crowell Beard	1969
b. 1, f. 32	<i>Ptosis</i> , second edition, by Crowell Beard	1976

Accession 1992-M-040: Additional Material, 1939, 1950–1991, undated*3.0 linear feet (3 boxes)*

Addition inventory by Carol King 1991 Dec

Received from: Rocko M. Fasanella, 1991 Oct 28

b. 1	American Academy of Ophthalmology (3 folders)	1980-1983
b. 1	American Board of Ophthalmology	1971-1973
b. 1	Barbados	1983
b. 1	Book writing	1960s-1970s
b. 1	Cataracts	undated
b. 1	Cataracts, monocular	undated
	Correspondence	
b. 1	General	1981-1982, 1987
b. 1	American Academy of Ophthalmology	1976-1977, 1991
b. 1	National, international	1970s-1991
b. 1	Patients	1960s-1970s
b. 1	Publishing	1970s
b. 1	Reviews	1977-1980
b. 1	Couch, Jeffrey	1984
b. 1	Curriculum vitae	
b. 1	Dictaphone	1975-1980
b. 1	Enzymes	1959–1960, 1982, undated
b. 1	Greco, John	1983
b. 1	Hypnosis in ophthalmology	1973, undated
b. 1	Italy	1980
b. 1	Lake Placid	1983
b. 1	Lanman, Jonathan Trumbull	1971
b. 1	Loose, unsorted papers	1970s-1980s
	Meetings: lectures, articles	
b. 1	Fasanella-Servat procedure for ptosis: articles (4 folders)	1969-1972
b. 1	International	1970-1972

Meetings: lectures, articles (continued)

b. 1	"Modern Advances in Cataract Surgery," Japan English	1972
b. 1	Fifth Afro-Asian Congress of Ophthalmology, Japan	1972
b. 1	Others	1972-1973
b. 1	University of Bologna, Italy	1972
b. 1	American Academy of Ophthalmology	1973
	New York Eye and Ear Infirmary Alumni Program	1974
b. 1	Oculo-Plastic Annual Course Lecture	1974
b. 1	"Complications in Corneal Surgery-Innovations and Present Trends," English	1975
b. 1	"Modern Advances in Cataract Surgery-Trends," English	1975
b. 1	Mexican Ophthalmological Society	1975
b. 1	Complications of intraocular surgery	1977
b. 1	Meetings	1980
b. 2	Meetings (to 1984)	
b. 2	"Complications in Cataract Surgery," English	1961, undated
	Opinions on refractive surgery by world leaders: Oxford lecture	1980-1982
b. 2	"Cataract Surgery Today: A New Look at Other Methods, Including An 'Old' Operation": Mexico lecture English	1980s
b. 2	Oxford Ophthalmological Congress	1982
b. 2	Oklahoma: (Aetna vs. McFarland)	1983
b. 2	Past surgery	1981-1984
b. 2	Personal: appointments to societies, publicity	1950s-1960s
b. 2	Peru	1983
b. 2	Photo materials for lecture study	undated
b. 2	Photographs	1951, 1960s, undated
b. 2	Saint Vincent	1984
b. 2	Sklar, Craig Alan	1981
b. 2	Strabismus	undated

b. 2	Szuniewicz, Wacław	1980
b. 2	Temple Surgical Center	1978-1981
b. 2	W.B. Saunders Company	1972
b. 2	Yale: Ophthalmic aid to other countries	1952
b. 2	Yale postgraduate meetings	1954-1960
b. 2	Yale Section of Ophthalmology: annual reports	1958-1959
b. 2	Yale University	1951-1972
	Writings	
b. 2	<i>Destiny: Doctors with Determination</i> , by Robert A. Fasanella English	1984
b. 3	<i>Management of Complications in Eye Surgery</i> , edited by R.M. Fasanella: English and Japanese editions (with two folders of loose papers removed from these two editions) English	1957, 1965
	<i>Prévention et Traitement des Complications de la Chirurgie Oculaire</i> , par R.M. Fasanella	1960
b. 3	<i>Komplikationen in der Augen Chirurgie and ihre Behandlung</i> , von R.M. Fasanella English	1968
b. 3	<i>Eye Surgery: Innovations and Trends, Pitfalls, Complications</i> , edited by R.M. Fasanella English	1977
b. 3	<i>Jiaomo Yizhishu</i> , Wang Shoujing, Zhu Zhi Zhong, Xu Jin Tang, Bianzhu English	1979
b. 3	<i>Eye Surgery</i> , by R.M. Fasanella (Chinese translation) English	1982
b. 3	<i>Cataract Operation by Enzymatic Zonulolysis</i> , by Dr. Hans Hofman; first American edition translation edited by R.M. Fasanella English	1965
b. 3	"Reviews written on Dr. Fasanella's Books," English	1957-1964
b. 3	Reviews by R.M. Fasanella	1974-1975
b. 3	<i>History of the Class of Nineteen Thirty-Nine, Yale University</i> English	1939
	Leon S. Stone material	
b. 3	Correspondence	1976 June 28
	Reprints	

Leon S. Stone material > Reprints (continued)

b. 3	"Neural Retina Degeneration Followed by Regeneration from Surviving Retinal Pigment Cells in Grafted Adult Salamander Eyes," English	1950
b. 3	"Return of Vision in Larval Eyes Exchanged between Amblystoma Punctatum and the Cave Salamander, Typhlotriton Spelaeus," English	1964
b. 3	"The Structure and Visual Function of the Eye of Larval and Adult Cave Salamanders Typhlotriton Spelaeus," English	1964
b. 3	"The Regeneration of the Crystalline Lens," English	1965
b. 3	"Development, Polarization and Regeneration of the Ventral Iris Cleft (Remnant of Choroid Fissure) and Protractor Lentis Muscle in Urodele Eyes," English	1966
b. 3	"Experiments Dealing with the Inhibition and Release of Lens Regeneration in Eyes of Adult Newts," English	1966
b. 3	"An Investigation Recording All Salamanders Which Can and Cannot Regenerate a Lens from the Dorsal Iris," English	1967

Accession 1992-M-080: Additional Material, 1963-1992, undated*0.5 linear feet (1 box)*

Addition inventory by Carol King 1990 Nov

Received from: Rocko M. Fasanella, 1992 Jun 25

b. 1, f. 1-5	Correspondence	1978-1980, 1983-1985, 1991-1992
b. 1, f. 6	Ethicon Ophthalmic Advisory, Panel: annual meeting	1984 November 12-16
b. 1, f. 7	International Congress of Ophthalmology, Rome	1986
b. 1, f. 8	Italian American Historical Society Second Annual Distinguished Service Award Dinner: printed material and video tape	1991 December 8
b. 1, f. 9	<i>Modern Advances in Cataract Surgery</i> , R.M. Fasanella, editor English	1963
b. 1, f. 10	Newspaper clippings	1989, 1992, undated
b. 1, f. 11	"Pitfalls and Complications in Anterior Segment Surgery," <i>Highlights of Ophthalmology</i> English	1968
b. 1, f. 12	Szuniewicz, Wacław, Fr., materials pertaining to beatification of: article correspondence of Andrzej W. Fryczkowski and the Spaeth family A copy of this material is available in digital form from Manuscripts and Archives. Contact Manuscripts and Archives at beinecke.library@yale.edu to request access to the digital copy.	1992
b. 1, f. 13	Unsorted papers and slides	1972-1989, undated

Accession 1993-M-031: Additional Material, 1983-1992, undated*0.25 linear feet (1 box)*

Addition inventory by Carol King 1992 Dec

Received from: Rocko M. Fasanella, 1992 Dec 3

b. 1, f. 1	Correspondence (some pertaining to I. O. L.)	1982-1992
b. 1, f. 2	"Seeing With Your Eyes Closed," by R. M. Fasanella for his fiftieth Yale medical class reunion English	1992
b. 1, f. 3	Writings by R. M. Fasanella	1983, undated
b. 1, f. 4	Articles on radial keratotomy	1985, 1992
b. 1, f. 5	XIV Congreso Panamericano de Oftalmologia: photographs	1983 July 3-8

Accession 1994-M-031: Additional Material, 1990-1993, undated

0.25 linear feet (1 box)

Addition inventory by Carol King 1993 Oct

Received from: Rocko M. Fasanella, 1993 Oct 12

b. 1	Materials pertaining to age related macular degeneration (AMD)	1990-1993, undated
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Accession 1994-M-050: Additional Material, 1955-1973, 1992-1993*0.5 linear feet (1 box)*

Addition inventory by Carol King 1994 Apr

Received from: Rocko M. Fasanella, 1993 Dec 22

b. 1, f. 1	Correspondence	1973, 1992 Nov, 1993 May– December
b. 1, f. 2-9	Ophthalmological conferences, congresses, annual meetings, speaking engagements: correspondence, photographs, programs	1957, 1961-1973
b. 1, f. 10	Printed material: clippings	1955-1956, 1970, 1993

Accession 1994-M-081: Additional Material, Circa 1942-1994*1.25 linear feet (2 boxes)*

Addition inventory by Diane Kaplan 1994 Jun

Received from: Rocko M. Fasanella, 1994 May 19, Jun 1

b. 1	Correspondence, general	Circa 1989-1994
	Blepharospasm	
b. 1	Correspondence	1983-1994
b. 1	Patient correspondence and treatment records	1990-1993
b. 1	Printed matter	1982-1993
b. 1	Writings by RMF: "Treatment of Benign Essential Blepharospasm with Cyproheptadine,"	1990
b. 1	Macular degeneration: correspondence and printed material	1993-1994
	Penicillin	
b. 1	Correspondence	1961-1991
b. 1	Correspondence: Miller family	1978-1991
b. 2	Movie film see: Movie film	
b. 1	Notes	undated
b. 1	Patient records: Anne Miller	1942
	Photographs	undated
b. 1	Photographs: Miller family	undated
b. 1	Printed matter: general	Circa 1965-1993
b. 1	Printed matter: Miller case	Circa 1962-1985
b. 3	Video tape <i>1 Videocassette (VHS)</i>	Circa 1986-1987
b. 4	Video tape <i>1 Videocassette (VHS)</i> As a preservation measure, original materials, as well as preservation and duplicating masters, may not be used. Digital access copies must be provided for use. Contact Manuscripts and Archives at beinecke.library@yale.edu to request access. A copy of this material is available in digital form from Manuscripts and Archives.	Circa 1986-1987

Penicillin (continued)

b. 5	<p>Video tape 1 Videocassette (<i>U-matic</i>)</p> <p>As a preservation measure, original materials, as well as preservation and duplicating masters, may not be used. Digital access copies must be provided for use. Contact Manuscripts and Archives at beinecke.library@yale.edu to request access.</p> <p>A copy of this material is available in digital form from Manuscripts and Archives.</p>	Circa 1986-1987
	Servat Univazo, Janvier: correspondence from and about	1993-1994
b. 1, f. 23	<p>Szuniewicz, Wacław, Fr.</p> <p>A copy of this material is available in digital form from Manuscripts and Archives. Contact Manuscripts and Archives at beinecke.library@yale.edu to request access to the digital copy.</p>	1950s-1992
b. 1	Writings by and about Rocko M. Fasanella	Circa 1975-1989
b. 1	Zasloff, Michael	1994
b. 2	Movie film	undated

Accession 1994-M-087: Additional Material, 1986-1992*0.5 linear feet (1 box)*

Addition inventory by Diane Kaplan 1994 Jun

Received from: Rocko M. Fasanella, 1994 Jun 16

b. 1	Oral history interview: video tape	1991
	Italian American Historical Society of Greater New Haven. Second Annual Distinguished Service Award Dinner	
b. 1	Correspondence and memorabilia	1991
b. 1	Video tape	1991
b. 1	Italian-American National Hall of Fame Award	1987
b. 1	Clippings	1986-1992

Accession 1995-M-180: Additional Material, 1994-1995*0.25 linear feet (1 box)*

Includes Accession 1997-M-150.

b. 1	Ophthalmic surgical procedures, including keratorefractive surgery	1994-1995
b. 1	Posture pictures	1995
b. 1, f. 3	Szuniewicz, Wacław A copy of this material is available in digital form from Manuscripts and Archives. Contact Manuscripts and Archives at beinecke.library@yale.edu to request access to the digital copy.	1994
b. 1	Writings by and about Rocko Fasanella (Accession 1997-M-150)	1975-1991

Accession 1996-M-144: Additional Material, 1982-1996*0.5 linear feet (1 box)*

Addition inventory by Diane Kaplan 1996 Jun

Received from: Rocko M. Fasanella, 1996 Mar - Jun

b. 1	Correspondence [includes Accession 1998-M-138: a 1997 letter]	1991-1996
b. 1	Curriculum vitae, photograph	1988, 1991
	Topical files	
b. 1	Chemical zonulysis	1995
b. 1	Macula	1994-1996
b. 1	Penicillin	1994-1996
b. 1	Posture	1995
b. 1	Pseudomonas	1991
b. 1	Ptosis	1995-1996
b. 1	Refractive surgery	1982, 1991-1996
b. 1	Stone, Leon	1995

Selected Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

Subjects

Blepharoptosis
Eye -- Surgery
Ophthalmology
Penicillin
Physicians

Names

Fasanella, R. M.
Stone, Leon Stansfield